

**Government Oversight Committee
List of Topics for Future Meeting Agendas
Updated July, 2005**

1. **Preservation, storage, and retrieval of important documents** – Discussion with the Secretary of State, the Department of Corrections, the Courts, the Department of Public Health, and the Department of Administrative Services.
2. **Department of Human Service and Department of Public Health Programs** – provide an update on the review of duplicative programs within these State agencies and determine what actions have been or will be taken to consolidate, eliminate, or streamline the identified programs.
3. **Iowa Prison Industries** – discuss the utilization by State Agencies and the need for the legislature to strengthen requirements relating to providing additional work for treatment, vocational education, and rehabilitation of inmates.
4. **Board of Regents Update** – update on implementation of report from the task force recommendations regarding the future on the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School in Vinton.
5. **Agricultural Finance Authority** – update on projects funded, status of the projects, and return on investment for Iowa.
6. **Sentencing Reform Possibilities** (excluding mandatory minimums).
7. **Non-Profits lack of fiscal reporting to the Legislature** (i.e. the LSA) Example is Iowa Department for the Blind use of private funding.
8. **Gamblers Assistance** – update status on expanding services options to include residential treatment services.
9. **Required Reports Update** – reports due to the Oversight Committee based on legislative intent from the 2005 legislative session.
10. **Privacy Legislation** – discuss the need for legislation for defining and protecting privacy in Iowa especially given advances in technology, the emergence of identify theft, and heightened public awareness about privacy.
11. **Open Records** – request the Attorney General's Office and Ombudsman to discuss the open records law and provide some direction regarding the procedures and practices that should be followed and legal issues of costs charged and refusal to provide information requested.
12. **Creston School District** – updated report on the discussions between the Creston School District and the Departments of Human Services and Education.
13. **Executive Council** – a review of the Council's organization, duties, and procedures pursuant to HSB 257 by Rep. Elgin.
14. **Veterans Benefits** – Discussion with the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs regarding assistance needed for returning veterans, requested by Rep. Tymeson.

Consider continuation of Subcommittees for the following topics: (Need to name Subcommittee chair persons and members)

1. Privatization of State Liquor Operations
2. Fleet Management
3. Ombudsman's list of recommendations for legislative review and consideration.
4. Transfer administrative responsibilities for pesticides and fertilizers from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of Natural Resources.
5. Regulatory Reform
6. HF 829 (Bidding Requirements for State Executive Branch Purchases)
7. HSB 302 (Starvation and Dehydration of Persons with Disabilities Prevention)

Other – Regular Updates at Government Oversight Committee Meetings during the 2005 Legislative Session and Interim

- Government Reinvention – LSA to provide materials.
- Charter Agencies – DOM and Charter Agencies to provide update.
- Public Strategies Group (PSG) – DOM and PGS to provide materials.
- Grants Enterprise Management System (GEMS) – DOM to provide materials.
- Department of Administrative Services (DAS) – DAS to provide materials.
- Integrated Information for Iowa (I/3) Project – ITE and DOM to provide materials.
- Help America Vote Act (HAVA) – Secretary of State Update.
- Homeland Security – Update on funding and costs associated with E/911 System.
- Lottery – Lottery to provide semi-annual report updates and annual budget.